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There is always wisdom in making haste slowly.

The watermelon and peach vendor is again abroad in the land.

The weather isn't much wetter today than it was yesterday.

David B. Hill is said to be wearing that old time familiar look again.

Booze and business don't blend much better than oil and water mix.

Joe Terrell was last week nominated by the Democrats of Georgia for Governor.

Meridian has been enjoying a holiness meeting, but the dispatches fail to designate the color.

It is not always the man who wears the highest who makes the highest type of a husband, girls.

The people are feeling so good over the recent rains that kicks are not nearly so vigorous as they were.

Three congressional candidates were in Vicksburg the other day hunting for the votes of the good people there.

A mad dog was killed at Vicksburg the other day, but what the dog was mad about does not appear in the columns of the local papers.

When you are out of luck, if you notice, you are forced to hunt your friends. Turn the tables and your friends will find you all right.

It may not be inappropriate to suggest now, while the revival is progressing, that a long prayer does not piece out a short plan of living.

No safe gambler would ever have bet on King Edward's recovery if he had known that his picture fell to the floor in Windsor Castle last week.

The recovery of King Edward, as now seems promising, would indicate that there are times when cutting doctors cannot kill, especially in the old country.

The Democrats of Georgia are confronted with a stubborn problem in their campaign over the question of the proper restriction to be placed upon the railroads.

When will we commence the erection of a new plant of some kind in Okolona to give employment to skilled labor and to keep more Okolona money at home?

The Jackson ministers are boldly declaring in their pulpits that that is the wickedest, dirtiest and most foul city in the South. That is a terrible arraignment of home.

Senator Hanna is credited with the invention of a new corn beef hash, but the fear is that some trust will be formed to corner it, so that we will all be forced again to eat mast fed shoats.

The questions as to whether the striking miners in the central states have justice on their side, grows very tame when it is remembered that the operators have the money on their side.

A good many American doctors would give something nice to know just what was the matter with King Edward, notwithstanding the high sounding term used by those who applied the knife to him.

Those who imagined that Croker had collected every thing due him and quit the game, will be shocked to learn that he is soon to return to New York to have a settlement with some of the Tammany leaders.

Work on construction of a \$200,000 cotton factory at Aberdeen is progressing just as it could also progress in Okolona or any other Mississippi town that will pull together for the whole town and its future greatness.

It is said that Meridian police gathered in a good supply of booze when they raided the dives of that enterprising little city recently, but that the booze was no good at all, gauged by the policeman's standard of goodness in highwines.

A Georgia paper suggests that the newspapers in that state which are waging a war against the selling of votes are likely to lose many subscribers, for how can men be expected to pay their subscriptions if they can't sell their votes.

It would indeed be humiliating to think Governor Longino could be induced to call a special session of the legislature for the sole purpose of yielding to the demands of the insurance companies for the repeal of the valued policy clause.

The people of Monroe county have just petitioned the Supervisors to issue \$5,000 worth of bonds and build a new jail. We supposed when the saloons were driven out of Aberdeen there would never be any more use for a jail. What's wrong over there?

The discussion of any political party's future is only a waste of time and wind. A party is made and unmade by its public record after gaining power, and some times scheming men get into it and wreck it before it comes anywhere near landing.

One of the greatest factors in public wealth is good roads and good streets. Every dollar properly spent in such improvements is simply a deposit to the credit of the community investing it, and it bears more interest than any other deposit that could be made.

Ever notice that there isn't much sense displayed in a coal miners' strike? They always go out in the summer time when people don't want much coal anyway. But of course they would likely shiver more if they should go out in the winter when it is real cold.

The candidates for congress in the big fighting Eighth must be doing a lot of personal hunting, and paying little attention to the newspapers, as very little is said about any of them in the papers. The gum shoe candidate is a sorry friend of the journalistic toiler.

It is scarcely fair to try and make J. K. Jones shoulder all the sorrows that the Democratic party has endured during the past eight years. The old man has a few sorrows of his own to nurse just now, no matter how much stock he may have in the round bale trust.

It may be that the desperado, Tracy who has killed a dozen men who have tried to capture him in the west, is not crazy, as believed by some, but of one thing there can be little cavil, and that is that he is driving the detectives and sheriffs of his vicinity onto the verge of insanity.

We used to shudder to see the appropriations by congress appropriating the billion dollar mark during a single session, but the last congress appropriated much more than this sum and the people were clamoring for even more; that is some of the people, expecting to share in the distribution.

A new girl baby in the home of Col. Jacob Astor, the famous New York millionaire, causes the lady of the house to remain at her city home during the summer instead of going to Newport, and is cause for the lady's picture to appear in the daily press accompanied by long telegraph notices of the event.

When the treasurer of Sharkey county was asked by the board of Supervisors the other day what he had done with \$28,000 which his accounts showed him to be short of, he replied that he had spent it. He had \$800 left in the bank which he gave the board a check for. He was only under \$16,000 bond.

The correspondent of this paper who last week laid the cause of drouth on the fighting church of Okolona, must feel gratified doubly in his efforts, first because he has seemingly gotten the church into line to work harmoniously and second, because since it is right, the drouth has been broken and everybody is happy.

All the schemes of stumbling politicians, who from time to time divert means appropriated for public benefit to their own personal gain will not be able to stop the progress of the South in the near future. The eyes of the world are turned toward this rich and productive section of the United States, and this means that infatuation must become general and enduring.

The hall of fame vote which has been agitated for some time by the outside newspaper bureaus at Jackson and a few papers of the state is souring on the stomachs of most of the local papers, because it is proving a farce. While this paper is always willing to contribute to any scheme for the betterment of the state or its people, dead or alive, it did not bite at this hall of fame business, and hence does not have to crawl fish.

The newspapers of Jackson are striving to prove that their town is as bad as the preachers paint it. But people who have spent much time in the capital are of the opinion that the ministers have only caught onto a very small part of the badness there. Much of a more dangerous character than that described might be found by detectives who would not feel bound by their cloth, as the minister is, to get in out of the wet by nine o'clock at night. Jackson is no saintly place, as its newspapers show.

There is always a source of in consolation in every condition. If we are a little short on rain this summer, we all have the gratification of knowing that next winter we will get enough to make up for the shortage. Things generally even up in this world, no matter in what section you reside, or what your situation. As surely as the rich man gets his ice in the summer and the poor man gets his in the winter, so sure does things even up in all localities sooner or later, and it does no good to kick or complain.

The newspaper that strives to get into the early swim in the next state campaign by resisting the proposition to apportion the school fund between the races in proportion to the amount of taxes paid, will likely find itself against a brick wall. The people are tired of the present sentimental way of doing business and will probably express themselves when opportunity offers. The next campaign will be as good time as they will ever find for a decisive stand on this point.

The sky hue of blue cast over this community about the time of our last issue appeared, because of the continued drouth, faded away like an ice-cream in a May sun on Thursday when the heavens were opened for three hours and one of the finest rains did business at the old stand steadily and naturally. All nature is again smiling and crops are fairly humping themselves. While the early corn has been much injured, the late corn will now come on to take its place and cotton is an assured crop. Everybody is feeling better.

The action of the United States touching the demand for the removal of all the Spanish Friars from the Philippines is bringing the issue down to a proper basis in those islands. For this government to put up its good money in an effort to establish a stable form of government in the islands and then permit the hypocritical spies and allies of Spain to remain there to breed, through their churches, insurrection and discord among the natives, would be a policy too silly for a second thought. If we are to remain in the Philippines at all, we should protect every interest and strive to keep faith with the natives. So much ado about consulting the powers at Rome as to what this country should do in carrying forward its own business is another piece of folly that only men in high places would think of indulging.

The end of sensations in the state treasury prosecutions, will perhaps only end when the last man connected with the retirement of Mr. Stowers last fall, shall have been tried and either acquitted or convicted of some crime. After the disagreement of the jury in the Rush case last week, Rush gave out an interview in which he stated that Governor Longino had offered to accept his resignation as a member of the Capitol commission and end the entire publicity of the treasury scandal before it reached any size. The Vicksburg Herald gave space to the interview, in the sense that Rush was a prosecuted man and all the powers of the state seemed to be turned upon him. The Governor hopped into print very quick through the Jackson bureau of papers published outside of the state, with a positive denial of any such offer ever being made by him or authorized by him to be made. And there the matter stands. Rush says he did and the Governor says he didn't. The people are left to take their choice in the premises, and since Rush is under a cloud and the Governor is sailing high, the chances are, of course, that the latter will have the best of the findings by the public.

The Vicksburg Herald is disappointed in Governor Longino's explanation of his attitude in the state treasury scandal. While the governor denies that he made any offers of compromise to Mr. Rush in consideration of that gentleman resigning his place on the Capitol commission, and does much other talking in the matter, he wholly avoids any reference to his reason for failing to institute proceedings against the principal in the state treasury matter, Mr. Stowers. At the time the Governor was determined that Stowers should hand in his resignation and get out of the office to which he had been elected by the people, but up to this time he had avoided in every way anything which would lead to the prosecution of Mr. Stowers for the offense for which the governor demanded his resignation. The Herald is able as well as astute in its discussion of the governor's position, and the people of the state are rapidly coming to the conclusion that everything was not entirely upon the high plane of public duty in the position taken by the executive of the state, and that there was more politics than a desire to punish crime in the governor's position and in his heart. Everybody deplores the fact that the handling of the state's funds was so abused by any one connected with the treasury but the public is always in favor of fair dealing, and the silence of the governor in matters relating to his following his pre-emptory demands for Stowers' resignation with a positive declaration to prosecute him as the law directs, is, to say the least, reprehensible.

The English are trying hard to make themselves feel good over the cessation of hostilities in South Africa, and it is presumed they have cause for congratulating themselves that they were not really knocked out of the box.

King Ed is still improving and it is again announced that the coronation is to take place, this time in August.

The reluctance with which the people of the state take hold of any new suggestion, no matter how much it may concern them and how much benefit and relief it may promise, is amazing. The tendency is to always harbor the fear that some one is trying to trick them, if there is a new solution offered for a question of vital importance. This point applies just now to the suggestion that the way out of the present conflict between the insurance trusts and the state, is through municipal insurance, a law authorizing the state to establish an insurance department, with power to write insurance on all kinds of property in the state, at a rate which would be safe to the state and fair to the insured. While the average citizen to whom the proposition is presented will always frankly admit that the proposition is feasible and should be adopted by the state, newspapers fear to touch the subject and all the powers seem to be turned in the interest of the insurance companies, and in favor of changing the laws to suit them, that they may continue to rob the people and only pay for a loss when they feel that it will be an advertisement for them to do so. Because the state has now spread upon its statute a law which compels the insurance companies to pay when they lose, they are holding up the property owners of the state and refusing to insure unless that law is changed. What good would be an insurance if there could be nothing collected upon it more than the insurance company desired to pay, in case of loss? If the insurance question is brought down to simple fractions, it must be admitted by everyone that the losses in the state must be paid from money collected in the state, and under the present plan a great excess is carried out of the state every year. Under municipal insurance no one in the state would be embarrassed, and in case an excess should be collected in the way of premiums, it would still remain in the state instead of being carried away to England or some foreign state or country. If the law makers of the state will consult those interested in this great question, and inform themselves as to its absolute practicable working, the solution of the muddle in which the people are being bulldozed by the insurance trusts, will be solved and solved right by the adoption of municipal insurance.

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One of the first things King Edward did after regaining consciousness was to ask what the odds were in favor of his recovery. He was probably told that he was a 3 to 1 shot.